

NEW \$10,000 OILING

STATION HERE

The Monett Oil Company Opens the White House Filling Station, Built at Cost of \$10,000.

Monett's new \$10,000 oiling station is now open for business at the corner of Broadway and Central avenue. The stucco work on the outside has not yet been completed but the work is sufficiently done to permit of doing business. When the building is completed a formal opening will be held.

The station is financed by the Monett Oil Company, of which H. A. Gardner is the largest share holder. J. V. Nelson is associated with him and will have charge of the station. The business will be known as the White House Filling Station.

During his tour of the West last summer, Mr. Gardner inspected many filling stations and patterned this one after the best that he saw. The building is constructed of white tile and white magnastone. The building proper is 18 by 18 feet in size and the canopy over the inside driveway is 18 by 22 feet. In the building is an office and supply room in the front and back of it is a hall, opening from one side being a ladies' rest room and on the other the compressor room. A walk is built around the building and entrance is made either from the front or back of the building.

Driveways enter the grounds from both streets, there being two driveway entrances from Broadway and one from Central avenue.

The building will be a blaze of light at night, there being 142 border lights under the cornice and around the top and fourteen large lights. Four lights along the inside curbing will light the floor of the driveway.

A Champion automatic air pump pressor will furnish the free air and also operate the gasoline pumps, of which there are two. One of these contains the high test gasoline and the other the low test. The pumps are Crouse's Clear Vision pumps. Water and air can be obtained from each of the two front posts of the canopy and from a water and air stand located near the curb on Broadway.

The parking will be planted to blue grass and attractive flower beds in the summer. It will be one of the beauty spots of the town.

The location of the White House Filling Station is ideal, being on the line of travel of the state highway which branches from Monett in two directions. This will be one of the finest filling stations in the Southwest and one of which Monett can be justly proud.

MARJORIE PFAU ENTERTAINS

Miss Marjorie Pfau entertained a few friends at her home, 417 Frisco avenue, Saturday evening. The guests enjoyed dancing and music. A dainty one course lunch was served.

The guests were Hildreth Mansfield Ursula Wagner, Ruth Sater, Clara Belle Kersey, Frances Lewis, Tommie Tutt, Harold Cook, Edwin Jerome, Orville Haynes and Bill Vance, of Peirce City.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

ON FOURTH STREET

An automobile accident occurred Sunday evening at the corner of Fourth and Dunn streets when a Chevrolet and a Ford touring car ran together, greatly damaging both cars. The Ford car turned over and the Chevrolet run into the curbing, breaking the front axle and both front wheels. The Ford belonged to Mr. Woods and the Chevrolet belonged to E. E. Eagle.

TO BE MARRIED AT FREISTATT

Miss Sarah Tiesel, of Freistatt and Martin Bohnenkamp, of St. Louis, will be married at Freistatt Thursday evening. The bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tiesel, of Freistatt.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Christmas holidays in the Monett public schools will begin December 22, and schools will reopen January 2, Superintendent Lester V. Galbraith has announced.

ROCKY COMFORT

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Mustain visited relatives near McNatt Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Sears has returned from Tulsa, Okla., where she has been visiting relatives.

E. E. Stewart of near Powell was in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Davidson, who has been very poorly for the last several weeks is no better at present.

Pete Boswell made a business trip to Neosho Saturday.

Carden Myers of Powell was here on business Saturday.

Clarence Taylor was transacting business in Neosho, Monday.

Isaac Pratt, who has been working in Tulsa, Okla., has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McDonald were Joplin visitors Monday.

Mrs. B. P. McCaslin and Mrs. D. D. Parsons visited in Springfield, Tuesday.

JURY IN JACKSON CASE HANGS

The Jury Disagrees in Case Against Lavanus Jackson Charged with The Murder of J. B. Tillman.

After deliberating for many hours, the jury in the case against Lavanus Jackson, charged with fatally injuring J. B. Tillman, prominent Carthage attorney, in a courtroom fight in Mount Vernon on March 18, 1922, failed to agree, being six for acquittal and six for conviction.

The case, which had been on trial since Tuesday, was placed in the hands of the jury at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after nine hours argument by attorneys employed in the case.

Much interest was shown by the residents of Lawrence and Jasper counties, the court room being crowded to its capacity from the time the trial began at Carthage. An attempt was made to prove that Jackson had kicked J. B. Tillman in the head, during a fight between Tillman and Robert Stemmons, a young attorney, in the court room at Mount Vernon, during a trial of Jackson on charge of bootlegging and that this caused the death of Tillman. In opening the case J. E. Sater, of Monett, one of Jackson's attorneys, told the jury the defense would seek to prove that the defendant was not close enough to Tillman to have delivered the kicks, alleged to have been the cause of his death. Testimony in connection of this phase of the case was contradictory.

JOHN HUMPHREY HOME FROM FRISCO HOSPITAL

Friends of John Humphrey were glad to see him back home Sunday from the Frisco Hospital in Springfield, where his left hand was amputated as a result of the explosion accident while a passenger on a Frisco train November 22.

The source of the explosion is still a mystery, but the case is being thoroughly investigated by federal officers. The theory of Humphrey having a dynamite on his person, as published in the Springfield papers, has been dropped and he has been exonerated by the officers of any connection with the cause of the explosion.

Mr. Humphrey declares he is glad to be back. When friends express their sympathy for his misfortune, he makes the philosophic reply that it could easily have been much worse and he is glad to have one good hand left. His first statement to The Leader was to express his gratitude for the friendly sympathy and help of Branson people to his wife during his absence.—White River Leader.

REV. WHITLOCK HAS ACCIDENT

Rev. C. F. Whitlock was painfully injured Tuesday morning when he stepped on a rusty nail which punctured to the extent of about an inch in the middle of his foot. Dr. Miller opened up the wound and disinfected it and gave Mr. Whitlock the tetanus serum to prevent lock-jaw. As a result of the accident Mr. Whitlock will be kept off his feet for several days.

WEST LONE HILL

There is some flu in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil McCormick visited their uncle Joe McCormick and family Sunday.

S. L. Binion visited Sunday with his children in Monett.

Dollie Thomas and son Cleamon visited Sunday night at the home of Orvil McCormick.

Wesley Riddle is on the sick list.

Albion Erickson and family visited with Mrs. Erickson's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thomas Wednesday night.

Orvil McCormick's family is on the sick list with something like the flu. There is about six weeks more of the Lone Hill school.

Albion Erickson will return to Fordland Saturday where he will help in a revival meeting.

Mr. Hoover is doing quite a lot of sawing.

Ernie Terrell has been helping Orvil McCormick get wood for his saw.

Wishing the Times a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WHEELER ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Young of Peirce City, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Annesser and Joe Annesser visited with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McCormick Sunday evening.

There will be a program and Christmas tree at the Wheeler school house Friday.

The Loyal Ladies Farm Club served dinner at Lee Evans' sale last Tuesday. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. Hugh Caldwell and every member is urged to be present.

Margaret and Lawrence Annesser visited at the home of Charley Wolfe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilks and family visited Sunday with their sister Mrs. Zema Fletcher.

Mrs. Raymond E. Davis and Mrs. Fred Merritt spent Tuesday shopping in Springfield.

RECORD BREAKING

SHIPMENT OF ORE

Shipment of Zinc Totals 23,382 Tons Which Eclipses All Former Records By Almost 5,000 Tons.

Joplin, December 17.—The week ending yesterday saw the largest zinc and lead ore shipment in the history of the district, the value being estimated at \$1,201,089. Not only was this a record, but the shipment of zinc for the week, amounting to 23,382 tons, eclipsed all former records by almost 5,000 tons. Last week's shipment of 18,525 tons, was the highest record previously recorded.

Indications now are, with favorable shipping facilities being obtainable, that the year will be the fifth best in the history of the field in the matter of total sales. This in face of the lowest yearly average per ton for zinc since 1908. The average price per ton for the year so far is only \$55. The four years that had a combined value greater than 1922 were 1920, 1917, 1916 and 1915. The average value per ton for zinc in these years was 1920, \$89.02; 1917, \$99.99; 1916, \$82.47, and 1915, \$84.12.

The shipment of zinc for 1922 will be surpassed by only one year, that being in the record breaking year of 1920, when 569,990 tons were shipped in comparison with this year, which so far has recorded the shipment of 480,374 tons. The next best year in regard to shipment of zinc was 1919, when 423,908 tons were shipped.

The lead shipments for 1922, although not as great in value have already surpassed the 1920 shipment, which amounted to 87,919 tons, or 17,882 tons greater than the next year. The shipments in tons this year so far are 89,717.

Figures of comparison, taken as a whole, indicate the stability and the complete recovery of the industry in the Tri-State field. The general condition has never looked brighter to the men in the industry than at present.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Armstrong, No. 212 Frisco avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Wilma Armstrong to Mr. John Boucher of Purdy, Mo., which took place Saturday, December the ninth at Kansas City, Mo. Dr. A. J. Hagget, pastor of the First Baptist church, read the wedding ceremony at his residence on Linwood Boulevard, with only a few close friends of the contracting parties attending. They will be at home after January the first at No. 2628 Victor Boulevard.

Mrs. Boucher has been working in Kansas City the past several months and was employed as bookkeeper for a large grain company. Her husband holds a position as adjuster for the Western Adjustment & Inspection Company.

MT. PLEASANT

George Cox and Dan Brattin who have been in Arkansas on business returned home Saturday.

Miss Clara Keeling was in Joplin Tuesday doing her Christmas shopping.

Miss Amanda Howerton was the dinner guest of Miss Clara Keeling Saturday.

Miss Mary Scroggins who is sick expects to go to the Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon soon.

Miss Mary Tucker and Miss Viola Scribner went to Cassville to visit the teachers Miss Cora Beck and Austin Bowers.

Burl Tucker has come home from Springfield for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mintie Cox and children visited at the home of the Misses Phillips Wednesday.

Misses Fay Miller and Clevia Keeling were doing their Christmas shopping in Cassville Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Keeling visited Mrs. Missie Brattin and son Jr., Thursday.

Miss Mayme Phillips was in Cassville Wednesday.

Miss Irene Moore visited Miss Elsie Tucker Friday night.

Miss Fay Miller was shopping in Butterfield Saturday.

E. Arnold motored to Purdy Friday evening.

The Doss pupils are planning on having a nice program and a great time at their Christmas entertainment Friday evening December 23rd. Every one invited.

Austin Bowers has been sick and Johnnie Brown another teacher has been teaching in his place at Doss.

Miss Lizzie Morgan and Miss Cora Fair were shopping in Exeter Saturday.

Miss Clevia and Georgia Keeling were shopping in Butterfield Thursday.

Those at George Keelings were Walter Goostree, Elmer Tucker, Riley Miller, Ray Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brattin and son Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Cox and children, Genelia Zenoba, and Noveta, Misses Mayme, Chloe and Mary Phillips, Sunday.

Mrs. Moses Roy and daughter Dorothy were shopping in Cassville Saturday.

GOOD GRACIOUS SONIA

MAKES A HIT

A packed house greeted the home talent play, "Good Gracious Sonia," put on by the producer, Walter Lanyon, for the benefit of the American Legion Post of Monett. The audience was delighted with the production as was evidenced by the frequent and hearty applause.

Miss Edna Lauret, as Sonia, the grand duchess, was very good, having a good stage presence and sweet soprano voice. Her part, in which Homer Counts, the American doughboy, with whom the duchess fell in love and abdicated her throne in order to marry him, was well played and effective. Mr. Counts sang a number of selections which met with the hearty appreciation of the audience.

Lloyd McKinney, as Mons. Prapaganda and Miss Gladys Jeffries, as Mme. Rumer, had a humorous part which occasioned much enjoyment. Carrol Donlevy was fine as the negro doughboy, George Washington Jones, his antics putting much spirit into the play. Mrs. Pace, as LaBelle, was one of the best in the play and her dance with George Washington Jones was a scream.

Mrs. Isbell, as Mme. Evelyn, was most piquant and charming, as was her daughter, Margaret Chappell (Sylvia) who sweetly agreed with her mother's query, "Isn't it Sylvia," with the simple words: "Yes, Mamma," no matter what was asked.

Si Davis and Miss Florence Hobbs were fine in several scenes and songs. Viga Hall and Earl Cochran, as American Doughboys were good, but Viga stopped in the midst of a tirade against women to look into the eyes of Sylvia, when his speech trailed off into silence and he followed the charming miss, whose glance had enraptured him.

Jip Alderson was great as the pompous First Citizen and Lee Polson was good as the Magistrate, who made the royal announcements.

The scene of both acts was in the garden of the palace of Roxenberg, over which the charming duchess, Sonia, ruled. The play ended with the marriage of Sonia to her doughboy, and the elevation of her husband to the royal position of King of Roxenberg.

Interpersed with the play were brought in beautiful costume choruses with graceful dancing. A new and very pretty number was "Suppose the Rose were You" pretty girls with bright colored rose petals about their faces, being in darkness except as their flashlights lighted up their faces. The young women taking part in the choruses and dances were Fay Baum, Mattie McNeal, Georgia West, Fern Breece, Helen Davis, Mary Counts, Noveta Brown, Thelma Denno Irene Newberry, Marjorie Pfau, Margery Wright, Dorothy Chumbley, Dimple Davis, Helen Isbell, Edna Taylor, Gwendolin Burris, Thelma Shreve and Reba Wilhelm.

Children who took part were Verna Davis, Lola Davis, Mary Mitchell, Hazel Medlin, Margaret Atkinson and Sara Landrum. These babies had a very pretty and dainty part which was much enjoyed.

A burlesque number was the Flapper Specialty given by five young men in short skirts, rolled shoes, sweaters and hats. This brought down the house. Dan Taylor, Bill Scott, Loy Shepherd, Carl Bickel, Burton Bensley and Carl Counts were the fun makers.

Nordin and Clinton gave fine exhibition of their inimitable buck and wing dancing, which brought thunderous applause. Another specialty much enjoyed by the audience was a stringed trio by Messrs. Folk, Isbell and Odell.

While the general impression of the audience was that the play was not so strong as the one given under direction of Mr. Lanyon here last year, it was above the average for home talent productions and the producer and actors are to be complimented on the excellence of the entertainment.

NEW HOPE

Charley Linebarger and family spent Sunday with Edna Miller and family.

Mary Tucker and Viola Scribner accompanied their teacher Miss Cora Beck home and stayed from Friday until Monday.

Charley Miller is going to move this week on the Harvey Higgs place.

Miss Rosa Scribner visited Miss Mary Scroggins Sunday.

Mrs. Edna Linebarger and daughter Ida and son spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Annie Goostree.

Prayer meeting was held at the home of Jimmie Higgs this week but a very small crowd was present on account of the cold weather.

A. O. Williams made a business trip to Springfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Willoughby and Mrs. Rose Miller motored to Verona, Sunday, where Mrs. Miller visited T. J. Miller and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paschal.

BANDITS SEIZE \$200,000

FROM U. S. MINT

Highwaymen Appear as Huge Money Consignment is Being Taken from Government Mint in Denver.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Every peace officer in Colorado tonight is combing the highways leading from Denver in search of the masked bandits who this morning shot and killed Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City federal reserve bank, stole \$200,000 in paper and currency and escaped after waging a gun fight with armed guards on duty at the United States mint.

The money was being transferred from the mint to a delivery truck of the reserve bank standing at the curb and was in fifty packages, of \$4,000 each. All of the money was \$5 denominations.

Police expect to be aided in their search for the escaped bandits by the fact that one—apparently the leader—was shot seriously, if not mortally, by a government guard on duty at the mint as the bandit turned to fire a final volley at the guards as the car sped away from the scene of the hold-up. An automobile carrying seven men, two wearing masks, and one drooping over the edge of the machine, bleeding profusely was reported to police as having been seen speeding northward out of the city shortly after the robbery. Police riot cars have been dispatched in pursuit of the car.

Denver police unhesitatingly declared the robbery was the largest and most sensational daylight hold-up ever executed in Colorado.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

ADJOURNS TO APRIL 16

Jefferson City, Dec. 15.—The constitutional convention, after being in session for 159 days, by official record recessed today until April 16, 1923. Provision has been made to have the secretary and assistants and some members of the committee on employees and printing remain a few days to close up the affairs and store the property. A clerk will remain during the recess to look after the correspondence of the convention and maintain an office.

The convention also adopted a resolution authorizing the Committee on Phraseology and Arrangement to meet at some time during the recess for a few days to get its report ready on the reports that have so far been acted on in the committee of the whole and the convention. That committee is composed of Geo. H. Williams, St. Louis county; C. H. McClure, Warrensburg; Henry Parks Lay, Warsaw; Alfred M. Gosset, Kansas City; Norman Cox, Joplin; Romulus E. Culver, St. Joseph; and M. E. Benton, Neosho. The last named member was appointed in place of Judge Guy B. Park, who resigned from the committee.

LESTER HOWELL'S CHICKENS

WIN MORE RIBBONS

Lester Howell entered some of his pure bred Partridge Wyandotte chickens at the Craig County Poultry Show at Vinita, Okla., December 13, 14 and 15, and as usual carried off the best prizes.

He received every first and second for which he competed and won sweepstakes on cock and hen over everything in the show. There was a large variety of chickens exhibited and the show was a good one.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB MEETS

Golden Rod Sunshine club met at the home of Mrs. S. C. Horn, 600 Central avenue, on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. J. Cooper and Mrs. C. A. Carr assisted Mrs. Horn in serving.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. J. Davis, the president, after which Victrola music, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," was rendered. Those who answered to roll call were Mrs. S. C. Horn, Mrs. J. J. Cooper, Mrs. C. A. Carr, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. John McGrath, Mrs. J. A. Livesay, Mrs. Mary Wightman, Mrs. George Feist Mrs. Thos. Markwell, Mrs. Joe Amber, Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mrs. T. J. Purnell, Mrs. R. T. Keithly, Mrs. Louis Tucker, Mrs. G. E. Miller, and Mrs. Sig Solomon.

Mrs. L. H. Ferguson resigned the office of secretary and Mrs. John McGrath, the office of treasurer. Mrs. McGrath was elected secretary in Mrs. Ferguson's place and Mrs. Ferguson's place and Mrs. Mary Wightman was elected treasurer.

The Elks lodge gave the Sunshine club \$20.00 to spend for Christmas for the unfortunate. They will give a sack of flour and a sack of meal to each family needing assistance.

Following the business session the society enjoyed a social hour.

Attorney H. A. Gardner made a professional trip to Springfield, Tuesday.

Fielding Parker Sizer, Jr., who attends Missouri University at Columbia, Mo., accompanied by his friend Harry Manlove, arrived Tuesday morning to pass the holidays with Mr. Sizer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sizer Sr., at Calamara.

BOYS ADMIT WRECKING

OF TRAIN

Youths Held by St. Joseph Police Expected to Loot Mail Car After the Derailed.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 13.—Alvin Marion Clark of Easton, Mo., and William Kramer, no address, both 19 years old, were arrested here today and confessed, according to the local police, to wrecking a Burlington passenger train east of Saxton, Mo., last Tuesday night. The train, No. 16, St. Joseph to St. Louis, was derailed when a rail was removed and seven coaches and the engine left the track. Only two or three persons were slightly injured.

The boys planned to rush in after the derailment and rob the mail car, they said. They expected that the engineer, fireman and the trainmen in the baggage and mail cars would be killed or badly hurt, and that they would meet with no opposition.

When this failed to materialize they ran away, they said, walking to St. Joseph, where they had been since the wreck.

Clark and Kramer met at Green River, Wyo., where Clark had gone three months ago when the police here were looking for him in connection with a box car robbery. They planned to rob a Union Pacific train out there, they said, but the cold weather caused them to come here. They had been here only two days when they wrecked the train. With tools stolen from a handcar near the scene of the wreck they removed the rail and then waited for the crash.

Clark also confessed today that he tried to wreck a train near the same spot June 11 this year, but he just loosened the spikes and the train passed over the rail safely. The loose rail was found next day and the incident had been a mystery until today.

The United States marshal at Kansas City is understood to have a warrant for Clark, charging transportation of a stolen automobile.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

GIVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party given by the Thursday afternoon club on Tuesday evening was a very happy affair. The club members and their husbands met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Ferguson.

A beautiful Christmas tree with suitable decorations and a fireplace decorated in imitation snow and a Santa Claus added to the feeling of Christmas cheer.

A well served and delicious two course dinner was enjoyed at 7 o'clock Christmas place cards were lighted red candles. After dinner presents from the ladies present to the men were taken from the Christmas tree. The gifts were laughter provoking and very much appreciated by the recipients. Games of Progressive Rook, completed the evening's pleasure.

The club members and their husbands attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhoit, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Kane, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Isbell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salzer, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Aulgur, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Willey, Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Ferguson.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Russey, Jr., spent Monday and Tuesday in Joplin where they attended the Southwestern Dental Association.

Rev. Theodore Harvey, student at William Jewell College of Liberty, Mo., is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvey.

Wanted

Mules, Mares, Horses

Want mules from 14 1/4 to 16 hands high, from 3 to 8 years old.

Want a few nice mares and horses that have saddle gaits. Age from 3 to 10 years old. All stock must be in good flesh and halter broke. Don't fail to show me your fat mules. Will be at the following dates rain or shine

Purdy, _____ Tuesday, Dec. 26

Monett, _____ Wednesday, Dec. 27

Freistatt, _____ Thursday a. m., Dec. 28

Verona, _____ Thursday p. m., Dec. 28

Hoberg, _____ Friday a. m., Dec. 29

Mt. Vernon, _____ Friday, p. m., Dec. 29

Aurora, _____ Saturday, Dec. 30

L. P. BAYLESS